

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **APPOINTED TOWN BOARDS**

#### **Section 1      Zoning Board of Appeals**

**7-1-1**            A zoning board of appeals of five members and three associate members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 2      Conservation Commission**

**7-2-1**            A conservation commission of seven members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 3      Council on Aging**

**7-3-1**            A council on aging of eleven members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 4      Historical Commission**

**7-4-1**            A historical commission of seven members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 5      Recreation Council**

**7-5-1**            A recreation council of nine members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 6      Arts Council**

**7-6-1**            An arts council of an indefinite, but odd, number shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

#### **Section 7      Planning Board**

**7-7-1**            A planning board of five members shall be appointed by the Town Manager for three-year overlapping terms.

## **Section 8      Board of Health**

**7-8-1**            A board of health of three members shall be appointed by the Town Manager for three-year overlapping terms, unless the manager shall replace the board with a health agent, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with general law.

## **Section 9      Library Trustees**

**7-9-1**            A board of library trustees shall be established as provided by the bequest establishing the library.

**7-9-2**            The board shall appoint the librarian and staff of the library.

## **Section 10    Youth Services Commission**

**7-10-1**           A youth services commission for an indefinite, but odd, number shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

## **Section 11    Disability Commission**

**7-11-1**           A commission on disability issues of an indefinite, but odd, number shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms.

## **Section 12    Change in Composition of Appointed Town Boards**

**7-12-1**           The Town Meeting may, by by-law, enlarge or decrease the number of persons to serve as members of boards established under this chapter, provided, however, that all such boards shall always consist of an odd number of members.

## **Section 13    Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

**7-13-1**           Multi-member boards established by this charter shall possess and exercise all powers given to them under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, and shall have and exercise such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this charter, by-law, or vote of the town meeting.

**7-13-2**           All boards, commissions, and committees of the town shall:  
(a) organize annually: (b) elect a chairman and other necessary officers:(c) establish a quorum requirement for their meetings in accordance with general law: (d) adopt rules of

procedure and voting; and (e) maintain minutes and all other records of proceedings, copies of which shall be public record and filed monthly with the Town Clerk.

**7-13-3** All such boards shall meet with the Board of Selectmen at least once in each year.

**7-13-4** All such boards shall conduct their meetings in accordance with the open meeting provisions of the open meeting law, Sect. 23A-C of M.G.L. Chap. 39, as may be amended from time to time.

**7-13-5** Members of boards established under this chapter may receive such compensation as may be authorized by the town meeting, but during the term for which a member is appointed and for one year following expiration of such term, no member of any appointed board under this charter shall be eligible to accept any additional paid position under any such board.

**7-13-6** Any person duly appointed to any office or board shall take up the duties of his office immediately, provided that he first shall have been sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the Town Clerk.

**7-13-7** The unexcused absence of a member from four or more consecutive meetings of any appointed multi-member body shall serve to vacate the office. When such a vacancy has been created, the chairman shall advise the appointive authority forthwith, who shall fill the vacancy within thirty days.

**7-14-1** The Board of Selectmen by an affirmative vote may create additional appointed town boards and assign powers under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, and shall have and exercise such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this charter, by-law or vote of the town meeting.